



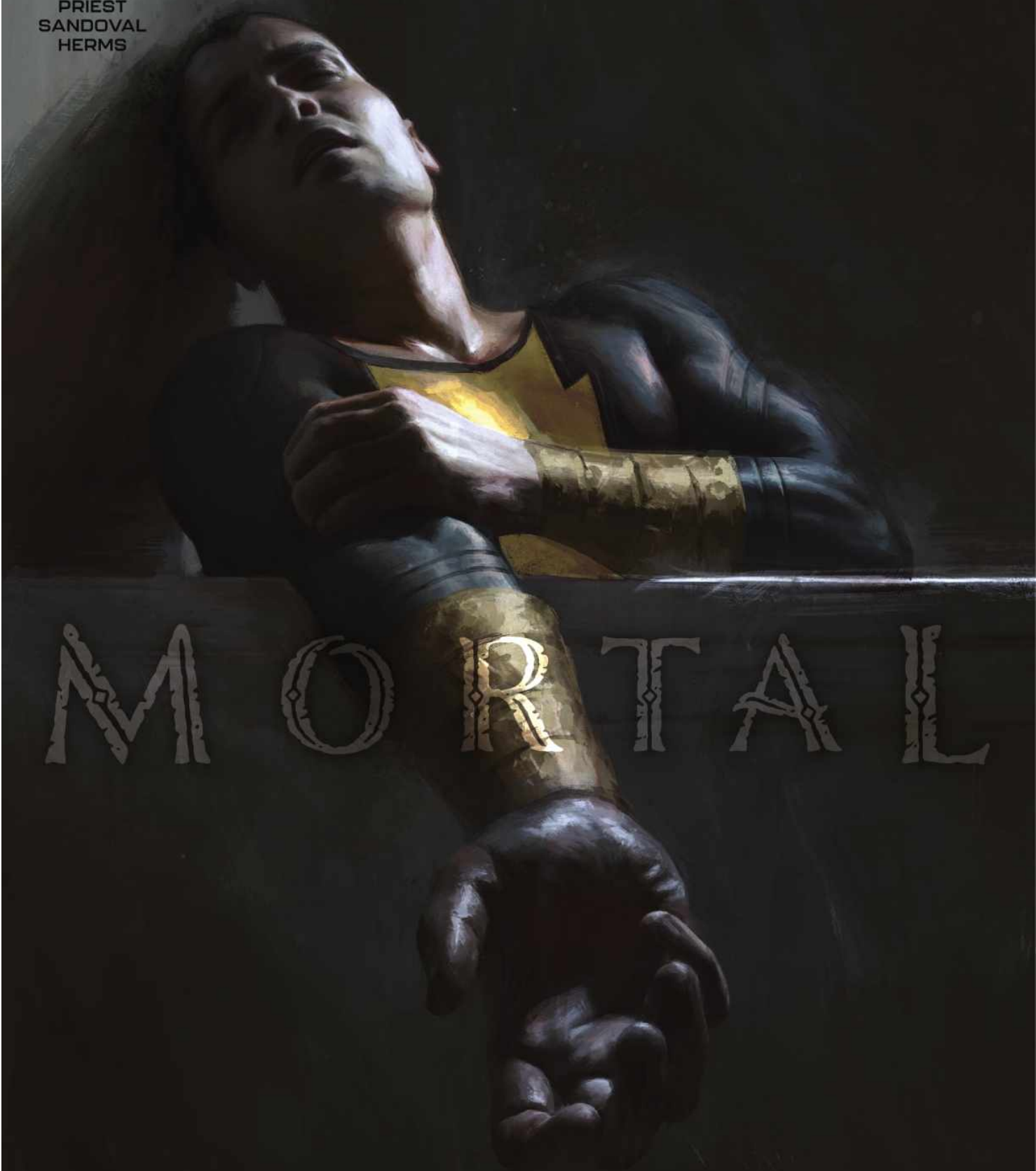
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LIMITED
SERIES

PRIEST
SANDOVAL
HERMS

BLACK ADAM

MORTAL



HE'S NOT YOUR AVERAGE BAD BOY...
AND HE WON'T LET THE DEMONS FORGET IT.

CONSTANTINE

DISTORTED ILLUSIONS



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FOR YOUNG ADULTS

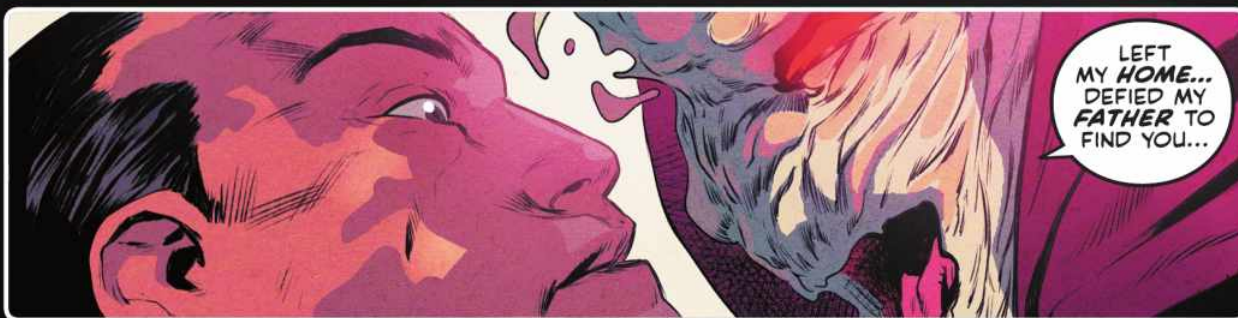
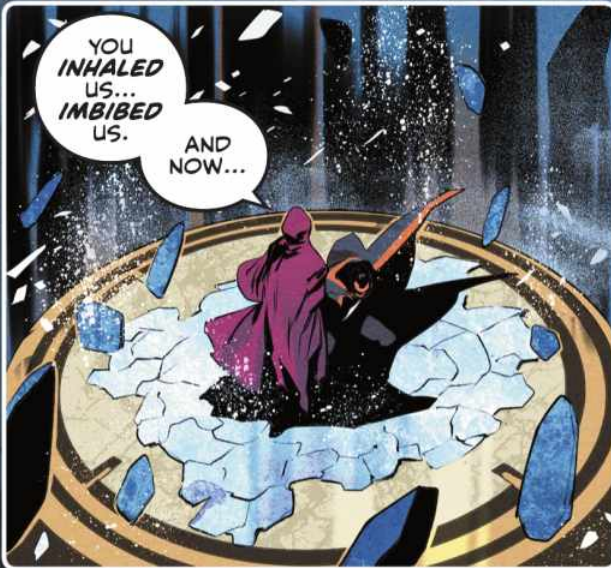
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"The Liar"

MESSIER 54
SAGITTARIUS DWARF
SPHEROIDAL GALAXY
DAYS AGO







...TO
MAKE
YOU...MY
OWN.

I...

...ISHTAR.

BLACK ADAM

WHOM THE GODS WOULD DESTROY

**THEOGONY
BOOK THREE**



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--WHERE'VE YOU *BEEN*? BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU ALL *DAY!* AND--

--DID YOU SAY THIS PATIENT WAS 4600 YEARS OLD?!

THAT SUPPOSED TO BE ONE OF YOUR FUNNY *JOKES*--?



THAT'S THE INFORMATION I WAS GIVEN...

...I...I WAS APPROACHED ON THE *STREET*, AND--

AND HE'S *BUSY*. WHAT'S IT TO YOU--?

DESMOND TROI, MALIK'S RESIDENT SUPERVISOR.



OKAY, DOC. SUPERVISE *THIS*.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BLAUSTEIN, YIGAL
FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER

YOUR HOSPITAL *KILLED* THE SHAH OF KAHNDAQ.

YOU GET THE KID BACK WHEN I *GIVE* HIM BACK.



INVESTIGATION'S GONNA TAKE A WHILE. MAYBE *WEEKS*.

SOMEBODY'LL WRITE SOMEBODY A *MEMO*.

"I'M IMMORTAL."



YOU... ARE...?

ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS HE SAID TO ME--"I'M IMMORTAL."

I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

...HOW COULD SOME "SPACE VIRUS"... HAVE KILLED AN IMMORTAL... UNLESS...

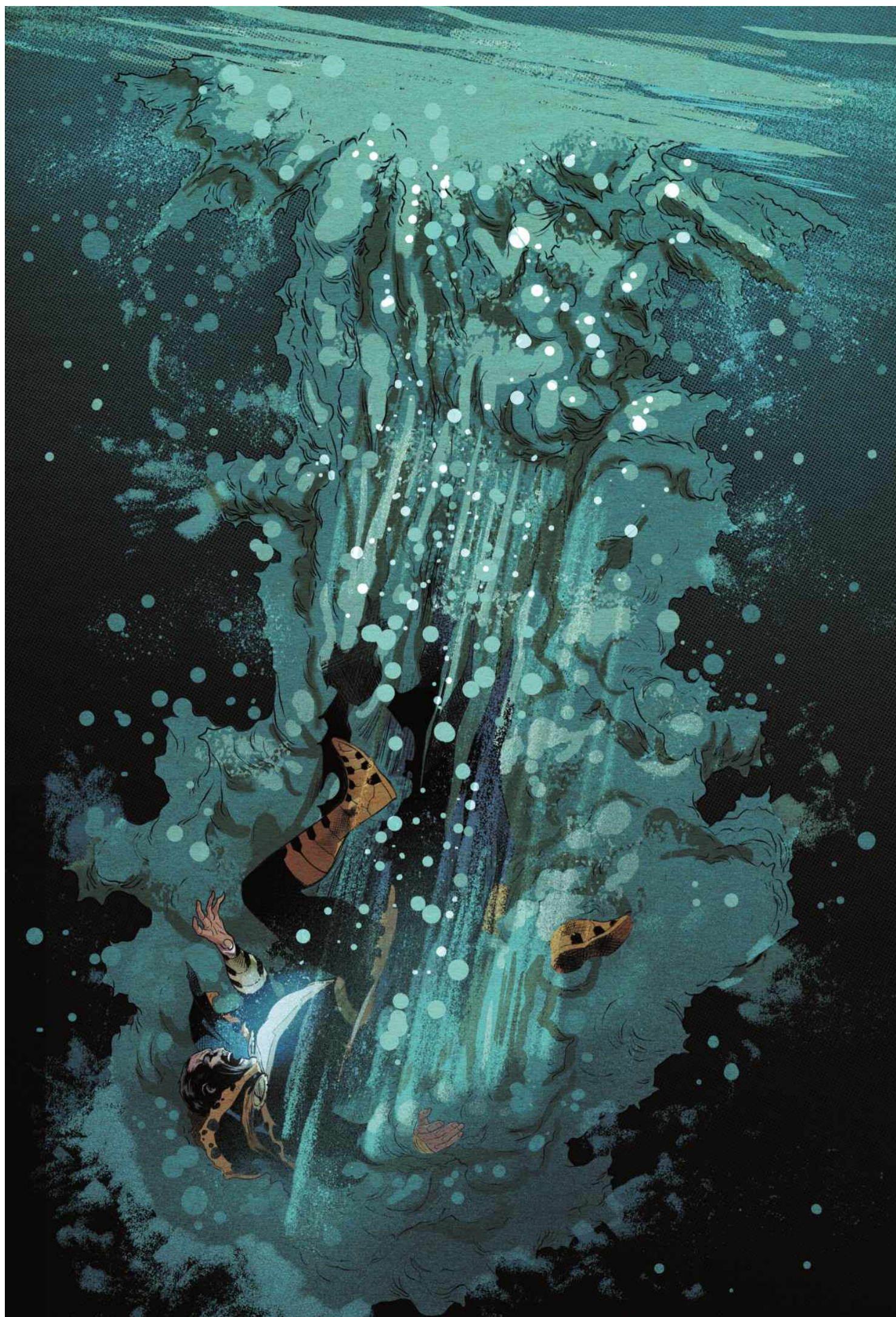


"BLACK" ADAM MIGHT BE IMMORTAL--

--BUT *THIS* GUY IS DEFINITELY A HUMAN BEING...

...AND DECOMPOSING FAST.





THE LORD OF DESTINY
LIVES NO MORE...

TAMMUZ MY LOVE
LIVES NO MORE...

I AM QUEEN,
MY HUSBAND
LIVES NO
MORE...

THE SHEPHERD,
THE LORD TAMMUZ
LIVES NO MORE...

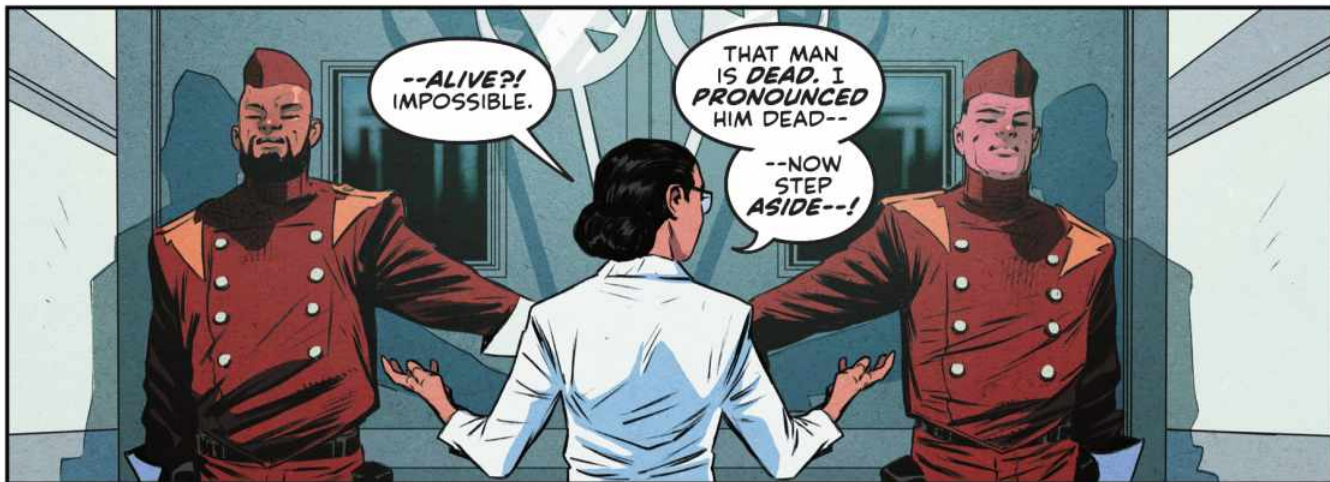
STOP
IT.

CEASE THAT
ABOMINABLE
SINGING--

--AND
SHOW
YOUR-
SELF!

AS YOU
WIISSSH...

?!
YOU--



--ALIVE?!
IMPOSSIBLE.

THAT MAN
IS DEAD. I
PRONOUNCED
HIM DEAD--

--NOW
STEP
ASIDE--!



HOW LONG DO
YOU THINK YOU
CAN HOLD MY
BOSS OFF--?

DUNNO--THIS
"DIPLOMATIC
COURTESY"
STUFF ONLY
GOES BUT
SO FAR.

MY PRINCE...
I DO NOT
UNDERST--



HE'S DYING,
DR. GAMIL--

--THE **PROPHET** YOU
DIDN'T BOTHER TO
EXAMINE.

WE GOT
HIM **BACK** BUT
SOMETHING IS
STILL KILLING
HIM.

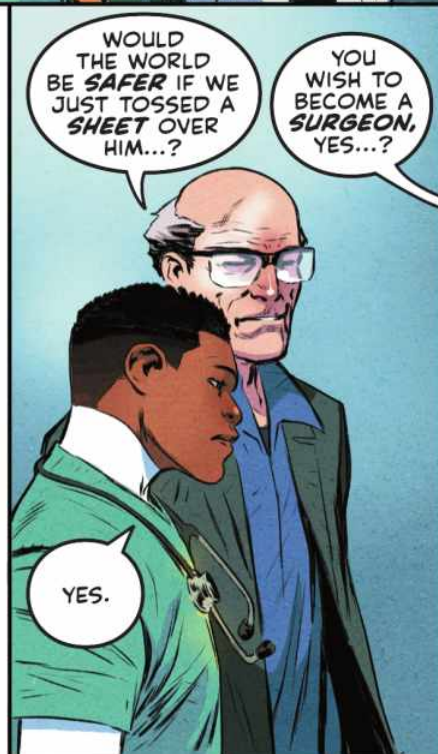
IF I
LET YOU--
OR THIS
HOSPITAL--
TAKE
HIM--HE'LL
CERTAINLY
DIE...

...WHICH
BRINGS UP
THE REAL
PROBLEM--



--**SHOULD**
WE BE SAVING
THIS GUY?

HOW
MANY PEOPLE
HAS HE
KILLED? HOW
MANY LIVES
RUINED?



WOULD
THE WORLD
BE **SAFER** IF WE
JUST TOSSED A
SHEET OVER
HIM...?

YOU
WISH TO
BECOME A
SURGEON,
YES...?

YES.



WELL, THAT
MAKES THINGS
SIMPLE: YOU ARE
A **HEALER**.

THE
CHOICE IS NOT
YOURS. 237 CCs
OF SA'IDI SHAI--

--THE
EGYPTIAN **TEA**
SERVED TO LORD
ADAM...AS YOU
REQUESTED.

--ISHTAR--
OF THE
AKKAD!

DON'T BE
RIDICULOUS.
I AM--

--ERESHKIGAL

MUCH
SEXIER THAN
MY IDIOT
TWIN.

MY SIREN
HAS LURED
MANY A MAN
TO HIS
DEATH--

--BUT
AT LEAST
THEY DIED
SMILING.

WHAT
IS THIS
PLACE?!

YOU
KNOW
WHAT
IT IS.

GOD
KNOWS
YOU'VE
HELPED
FILL IT.

"The Thorn"

IRKALLA

(THE UNDERWORLD)

ERESHKIGAL...

PLEASE--
ERES. WE'RE
RATHER INFORMAL
DOWN HERE.

...YOU
ARE
PLAYING
WITH
FIRE.

IS THERE
ANY OTHER
WAY--?

I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING--

--"BUT
THE AKKAD
ARE NOT MY
GODS!"

WHEN
YOUR
PEOPLE
WERE IN
EGYPT,
PERHAPS.

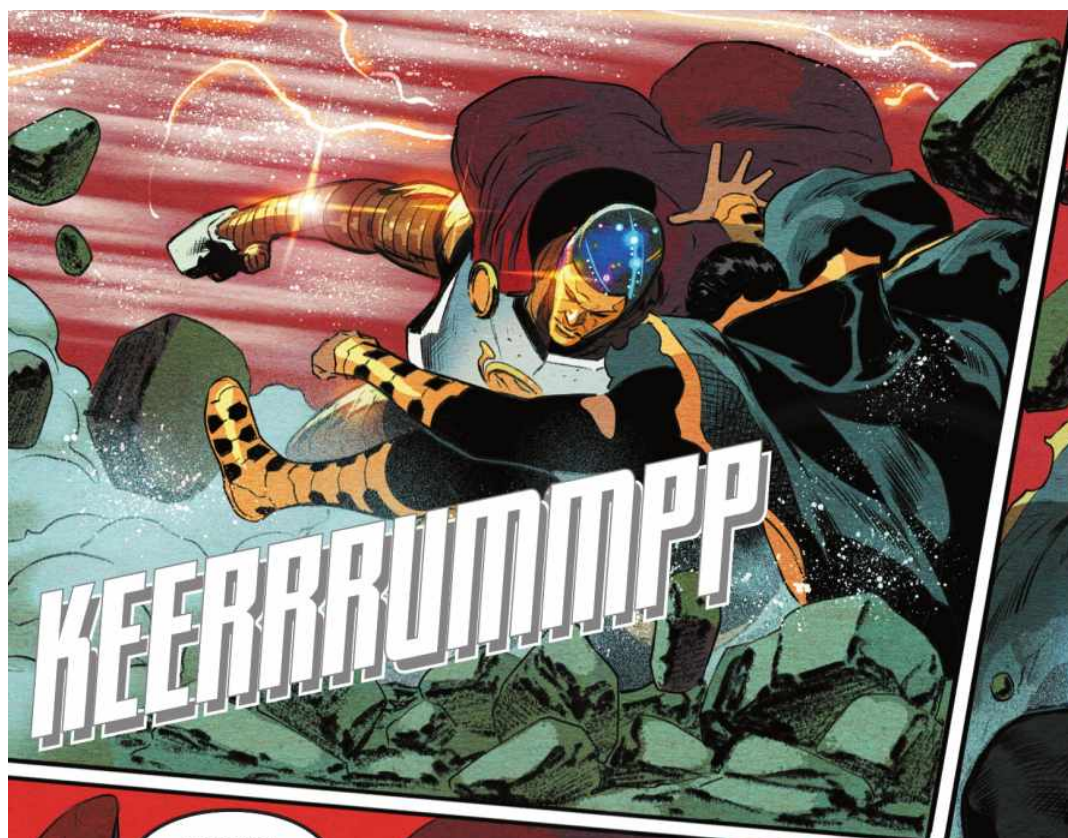
KAHNDAG
IS LOCATED
ON THE SINAI.
MYTHS
DIFFER...

...BORNE
OF MORTAL
SUPER-
STITION--

--AND
FEAR.

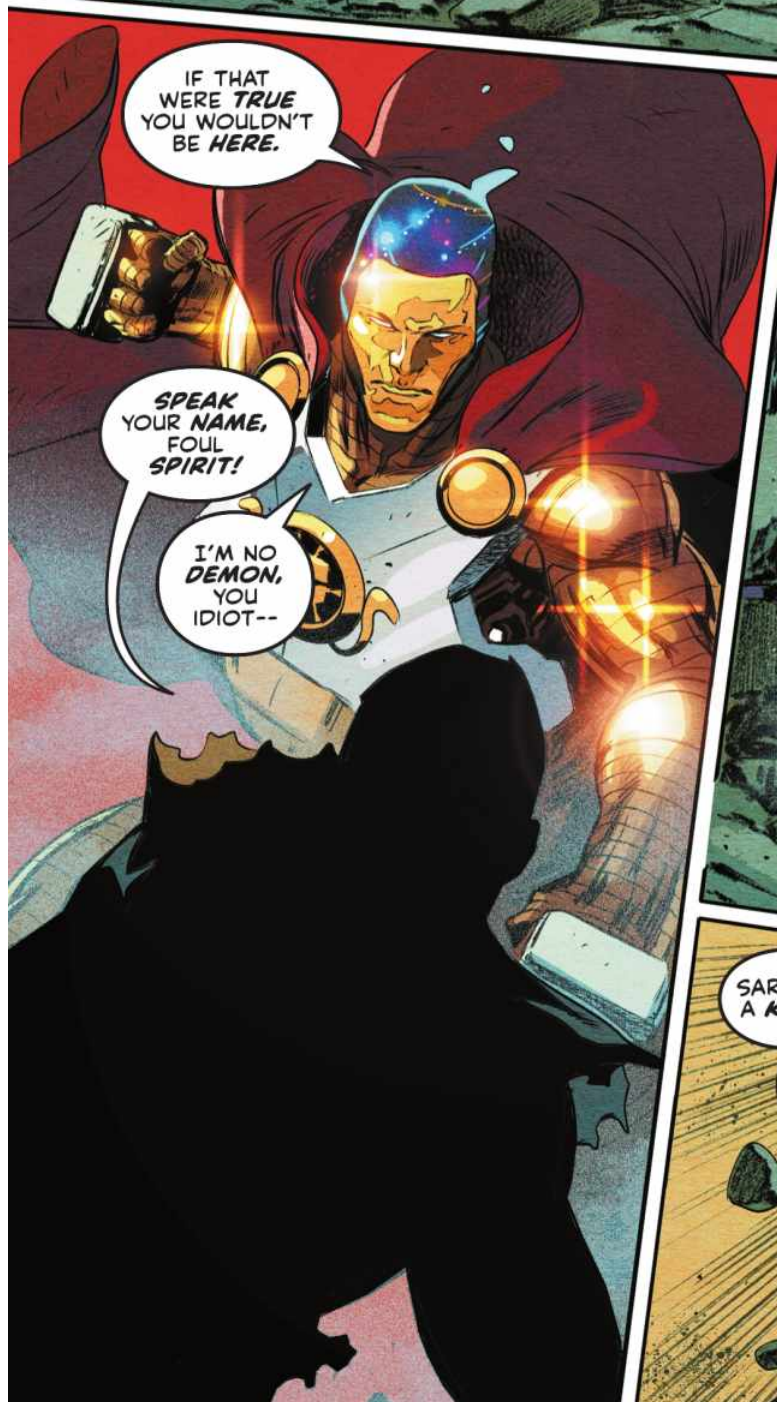
FOR
EXAMPLE--





DON'T
INTERFERE!

I CAN FIGHT
MY OWN
BATTLES!



IF THAT
WERE *TRUE*
YOU WOULDN'T
BE *HERE*.

SPEAK
YOUR NAME,
FOUL
SPIRIT!

I'M NO
DEMON,
YOU
IDIOT--



--I'M THE
THORN IN
THE GODS'
SIDE--

--SARGON
OF AKKAD.



SARGON,
A KING.

KING OF
AKKAD,
OVERSEER OF
ISHTAR!

KING
OF KISH,
ANointed
OF ANU, KING
OF SUMER,
GOVERNOR OF
ASHUR--



--I
AM
GODS.

THHOOOOOOOOO

ARE
YOU,
NOW?

THE
AKKAD--

--I AM
THEY AND
THEY ARE
ME.

A HERALD...
A MORTAL
COLLABORATOR.

I AM
THE
PACT--

--THE
BARGAIN
THAT
PRESERVED
LIFE IN THE
WORLD.

PAST
TENSE.

YOUR
WORLD LIVES
BECAUSE THE
ANCIENTS
GAVE WAY.

AN ANCIENT
WORLD, LONG
FORGOTTEN!

BUT YOU,
THEO TETH-ADAM,
KNOW THAT THE
DARK WORLD
AND ITS
TERRORS--

--ARE HELD
BACK BY ONLY
THE THINNEST
OF VEILS--

KKEERRRAAKK



"Shaken, Not Stirred"





WHAT,
SARGON?!

IF I'M
ALREADY
DEAD--

--WHY
COME HERE?
WHY
ATTACK
ME?

WHAT
MAKES
YOU MY
ENEMY?!

ENEMY?!
YOU
FOOL--

--THE
GODS...THE
AKKAD--

--ARE THEY
REAL OR
IMAGINED?

WHUMMP

MYTHS--
CREATED WHILE
SHIVERING
AROUND SOME
CAMPFIRE?

--SHU,
HERU,
AMON--

--ANU,
ASHUR,
ENKI--

--WHAT
IF NONE
OF IT IS
REAL?

WHAT IF
THIS IS ALL
THE SIMPLE WORK
OF OXYGEN
DEPRI-
VATION--?



WHAT IF
YOUR GODS
WERE NEVER
GODS AT
ALL?

WHAT IF
THEY WERE...
BACTERIA?

BIOLOGICAL
PARTICLES
IN SOME
ABSORPTION
NEBULA--

--CLOUDS
OF GAS AND
DUST YOU FLEW
THROUGH IN YOUR
EXPLORATION OF
SPACE?

WHAT IF
THEY "READ" YOUR
MEMORIES, YOUR
EXPERIENCES...

...AND
GAVE YOU
WHAT YOU
WANTED?

ENEMIES TO
FIGHT, BATTLES
TO WIN, WOMEN
TO **LOVE--?**

GRANTED
YOUR **EVERY**
DESIRE...
EXCEPT THAT
WHICH YOU
DESIRE
MOST--

--**REDEMPTION.**

THERE **IS** NO
REDEMPTION
FOR **BLACK**
ADAM--

ENOUGH!

I WANT
NOTHING FROM
YOUR GODS.
NOTHING FROM
YOU.

AS FOR
DEATH--

--AN
IMMORTAL
WELCOMES
DEATH.
GRAVES
IT.

TWAACKK

GETTING
WEAKER
BY THE
MOMENT.

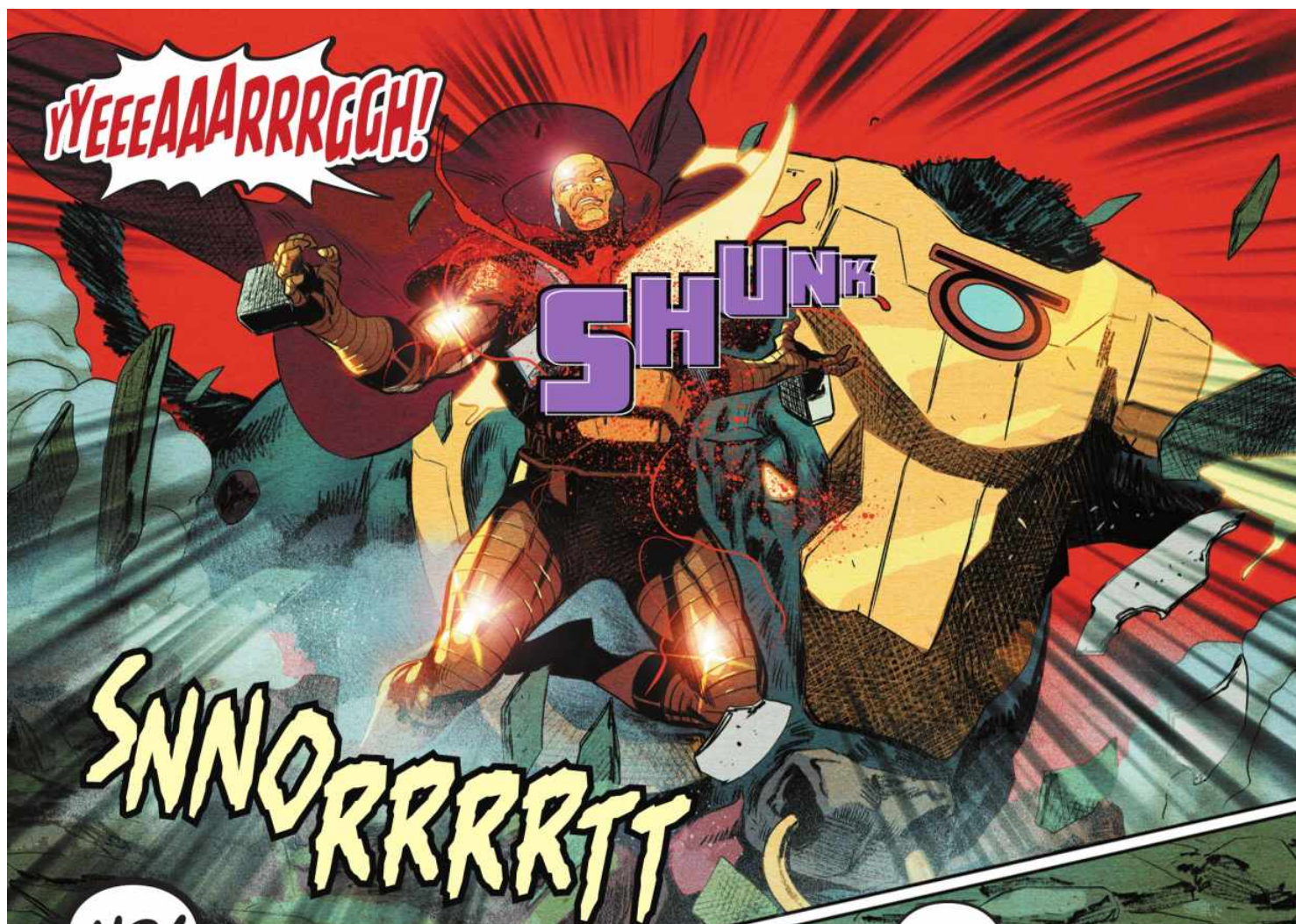
WHICH
MAKES IT
ONLY **FITTING**
THAT YOU
REMAIN
TRAPPED
HERE--

--IN THE
RUINS OF
KAHNDAG.

KAPOW







NO!

YOU
CAN'T DIE...
MUST NOT
DIE--

--UNTIL
YOU TELL
ME--

--GONE.

DAMN YOU,
SARGON...

...DAMN
YOU--

?!

...NO...

KERRAATCH



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Mitch Gerads
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SEPTEMBER



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Penguin*
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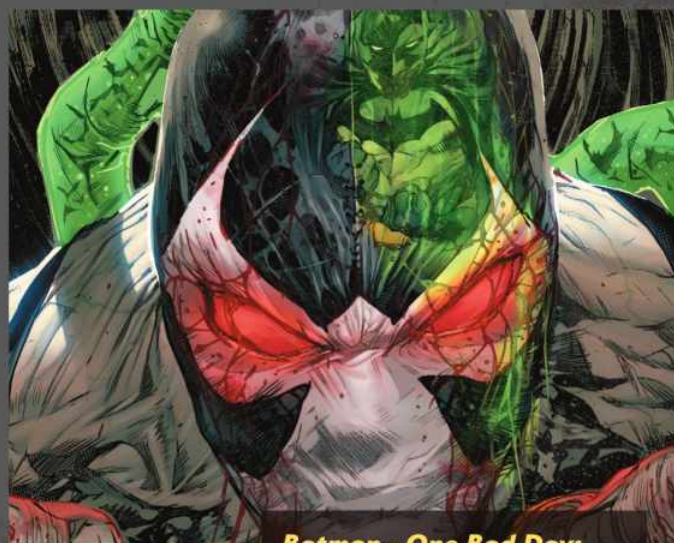


Batman - One Bad Day: Catwoman #1

By G. Willow Wilson
and Jamie McKelvie

ON SALE IN DECEMBER

A brooch Selina Kyle's mother once pawned for pennies is now part of a high-bid auction! The stakes are personal, and Catwoman will steal it back at any cost.



Batman - One Bad Day: Bane #1

By Joshua Williamson
and Howard Porter

ON SALE IN JANUARY

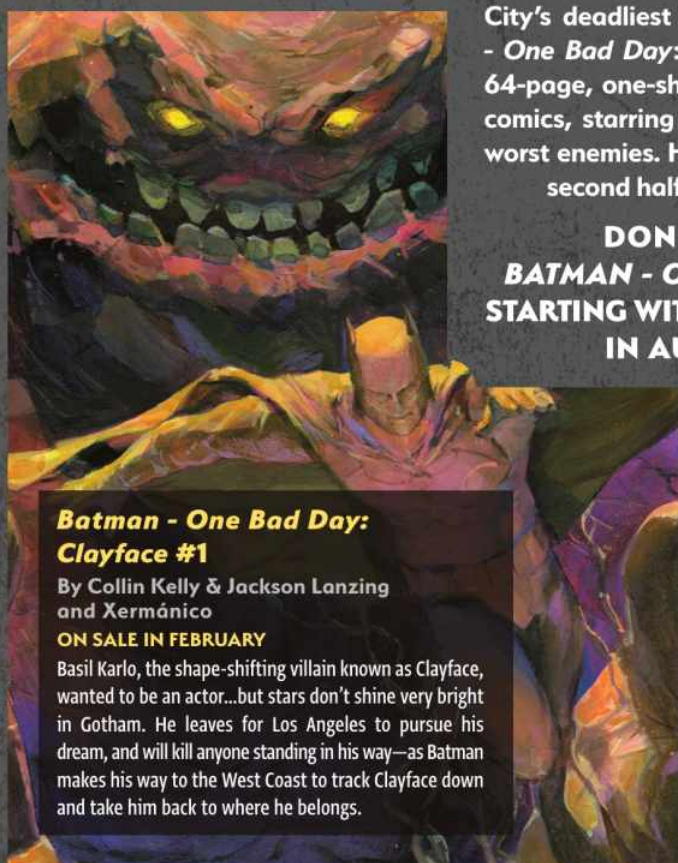
Decades after Bane broke the Bat, he's become a successful wrestler—but the years have taken their toll. When Bane learns a doctor is re-manufacturing the drug Venom, he'll journey to kill the last of the suppliers. Witness how one substance can ruin someone's past, present, and future.

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IN AUGUST!**



Batman - One Bad Day: Clayface #1

By Collin Kelly & Jackson Lanzing
and Xermánico

ON SALE IN FEBRUARY

Basil Karlo, the shape-shifting villain known as Clayface, wanted to be an actor...but stars don't shine very bright in Gotham. He leaves for Los Angeles to pursue his dream, and will kill anyone standing in his way—as Batman makes his way to the West Coast to track Clayface down and take him back to where he belongs.



Batman - One Bad Day: Ra's al Ghul #1

By Tom Taylor
and Ivan Reis

ON SALE IN MARCH

All Ra's al Ghul wants to do is save the world from us, save us from ourselves. And Batman constantly stands in the way of a better world. But take Batman out of the equation, even briefly: Would Ra's succeed? Could he follow through on every promise and threat he's ever made? And if he did...would Batman let it stand when he returned to take it all in?

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